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Committee Bill No. 160

LCO No. 2492

Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
(FIN)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS-IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES FOR
NONPROFIT HOSPICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-20a of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 60 of public act 01-6 of the June special session and section 113
3 of public act 01-9 of the June special session, is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002, and*
5 *applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2002*):

6 (a) On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of
7 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due to each
8 municipality in the state, in accordance with this section, as a state
9 grant in lieu of taxes with respect to real property owned by any
10 private nonprofit institution of higher education or any nonprofit
11 general hospital facility or any nonprofit special hospital hospice
12 facility or free standing chronic disease hospital or an urgent care
13 facility that operates for at least twelve hours a day and that had been
14 the location of a nonprofit general hospital for at least a portion of
15 calendar year 1996 to receive payments in lieu of taxes for such
16 property, exclusive of any such facility operated by the federal

17 government or the state of Connecticut or any subdivision thereof. As
18 used in this section "private nonprofit institution of higher education"
19 means any such institution engaged primarily in education beyond the
20 high school level, the property of which is exempt from property tax
21 under any of the subdivisions of section 12-81, as amended; "nonprofit
22 general hospital facility" means any such facility which is used
23 primarily for the purpose of general medical care and treatment,
24 exclusive of any hospital facility used primarily for the care and
25 treatment of special types of disease or physical or mental conditions;
26 "nonprofit special hospital hospice facility" means any such facility
27 that is used primarily for the purpose of providing medical, palliative,
28 psychological, spiritual and supportive care and treatment for the
29 terminally ill and their families; and "free standing chronic disease
30 hospital" means a facility which provides for the care and treatment of
31 chronic diseases, excluding any such facility having an ownership
32 affiliation with and operated in the same location as a chronic and
33 convalescent nursing home.

34 (b) The grant payable to any municipality under the provisions of
35 this section in the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 1999, and in
36 each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to seventy-seven per cent of
37 the property taxes which, except for any exemption applicable to any
38 such institution of higher education, [or] general hospital facility or
39 hospice facility under the provisions of section 12-81, as amended,
40 would have been paid with respect to such exempt real property on
41 the assessment list in such municipality for the assessment date two
42 years prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in which such
43 grant is payable. The amount of the grant payable to each municipality
44 in any year in accordance with this section shall be reduced
45 proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in such year
46 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section with
47 respect to such year.

48 (c) As used in this section and section 12-20b the word
49 "municipality" means any town, consolidated town and city,

50 consolidated town and borough, borough, district, as defined in
51 section 7-324, and any city not consolidated with a town.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To include nonprofit hospices in the group of medical facilities for which the state pays grants in lieu of taxes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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